GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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HANDLING OF CONTAINERS BY JNPT
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been drastic drop in the number of containers handled by Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) in the year 2001-2002 as compared to previous year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that fewer vessels have been called at JNPT in the year 2001-2002 in comparison to the previous year;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the shippers have expressed certain problems and delays in handling the containers at the port;

(f) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to remove the same; and

(g) the details of the expectations of traffic at the port over the next two years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.

(e) & (f): Yes, Sir. There were delays in handling (loading and unloading) of Inland Container Depot (ICD) Rail Containers at Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust.In order to improve service levels at Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust, arrangements were made to commence operations for handling ICD Rail Containers on two additional rail lines 6 and 8 w.e.f. 14th July, 2002.Additional container handling equipment has been mobilized on hire basis to clear the pendency of ICD Containers and improve turnaround time of ICD rakes at the Port.

(g): The traffic projections at Jawaharlal Nehru Port for the current year and next two years are given below:-

Year	Jawaharlal Nehru Port Container Terminal (JNPCT) (Figures in TEUs-Twenty Feet Equivalent Units)	Nhava Sheva International Container Terminal (NSICT) (Private Terminal) (Figures in TEUs-Twenty Feet Equivalent Units)
2002-03	7,00,000	10,30,000
2003-04	8,90,000	10,30,000
2004-05	10,00,000	10,30,000